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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed May 19, 2009, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of record in view of the following amendments and remarks. Inasmuch as the Office Action sets a three-month shortened statutory period for response to expire on August 19, 2009, Applicants file this response concurrently with a Request for a One-Month-Extension of Time and the requisite fee. However, if any fees are necessary to maintain the pendency of this application, the Office is authorized to charge such fee to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.